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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF RANGE OF RAVINES
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that certain Lok Sabha constituencies have rich range of ravines lacking development;

(b) whether any package has been proposed for such area in addition to the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a)to(d) According to the information contained in the `Wastelands Atlas of India, 2000` brought out by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, the area of gullied and ravined land in the country is 2.06 million hectares. The States most affected by this problem are Madya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. No specific Scheme/programme has been formulated by the Department of Land Resources for reclamation of ravine affected areas.

Under the Member of Parliament Local AreaDevelopment Scheme (MPLADS), developmental works are taken up in theLok Sabha constituencies on the recommendation of the MP concerned. There is no special package for development of ravines under the MPLAD Scheme.